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Application of: Burchard Confirmation No.: 6450  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

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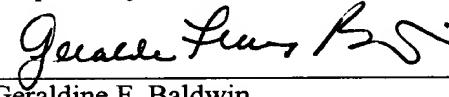
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2003 be extended for a period of 1 month from July 7, 2003 to and including August 7, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$110.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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